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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

MAIL STOP PETITION

Makoto SANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 09/215,555

Examiner: R. SINGH

Filed: December 18, 1998

Docket No.: 102382

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, OUTPUT APPARATUS, IMAGE
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT -
MPEP §711.03(c) and under 37 C.F.R. §1.181**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The undersigned has received a Notice of Abandonment dated May 12, 2006, holding the above-captioned patent application abandoned for failure to respond to a Notice Regarding Drawings mailed December 6, 2005. However, in response to the Notice Regarding Drawings, Applicants filed a Letter to the Official Draftsperson forwarding 12 sheets of formal drawings on January 10, 2006. A copy of the PTO date-stamped receipt, together with a copy of the Letter to the Official Draftsperson and drawings are attached. Accordingly, in accordance with MPEP §711.03(c), it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and that the above-identified application be issued.

As this Petition does not result from any error on the part of the undersigned, it is respectfully submitted that no Petition fee is due. However, please debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as needed in order to ensure that the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn. Please telephone the undersigned if any questions arise in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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